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Vice Chancellor and Economics Minister Erhard invited by Soviet government visit USSR. Invitation first extended by Mikoyan during latter's visit in FedRep. Invitation extended again June 11 by Soviet Ambassador Smirnov who called on Erhard specifically for this purpose. Erhard, we were told, gave Smirnov equivocal reply.

At meeting scheduled for June 18, Federal cabinet scheduled discuss matter. Whether Erhard actually makes trip will depend on Chancellor. However, according Foreign Office, Brentano planning urge Erhard accept invitation but delay setting specific date because of "heavy official schedule already arranged." Brentano hopes thereby forestall early Erhard visit to USSR that might be embarrassing to West at this time.

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